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Hyde Family Papers, 1863 - 1957.

GUIDE
Summary: Largely correspondence and other papers of Florence Elise Hyde of Ithaca, New York, relating to her literary activities, her support of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment (1926-32), and her interest in national politics and American foreign policy (1932-53). The remainder of the collection consists of clippings of reviews of her books, brochures used in advertising them, and printed or typescript copies of her plays and novels; scattered correspondence and other papers of Miss Hyde's father, Orange Percy Hyde, chiefly concerning Ithaca social and civic life, and various public issues; and family correspondence of her brother, Walter Woodburn Hyde (Cornell Class of 1893), much of it from the years he taught at Northampton High School (Massachusetts) and Princeton University, travelled in Great Britain, or studied in Athens, Rome, Halle, and other European cities. Correspondents include George Lincoln Burr, George Washington Cable, A. Stanley Copeland, Luigi Criscuolo, George De Grassi, Lewis E. Dofflemeyer, John S. Fine, Frederick Treman Johnson, Alfred M. Landon, Clark S. Northrup, Frances Folsom Cleveland Preston, Pauline Morton Sabin, Grace Alvana Seeley, Sao-Ke Alfred Sze, Stanley Shaw, Jouett Shouse, John Taber, Robert A. Taft, Jessie M. Thilly, James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Andrew D. White, and William Allen White.


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Hyde Family Papers (1863-1953) 2 MSS. bxs.

The papers of the Hyde Family of Ithaca, New York, consist largely of the correspondence and other papers of Miss Florence Elise Hyde; those pertaining to her literary activities include letters from readers of her plays and novels, correspondence with reviewers, libraries, publishers, and others; those concerned with the part she played in Ithaca in helping to secure the repeal of the 18th Amendment, 1926-1932, include letters from women active in the movement, from political figures, and private citizens who favored repeal; those relating to her interest in national politics and world affairs, 1932-1953, include letters from Robert A. Taft, James Wadsworth, Jr., John Taber, Alfred M. Landon, William Allen White, and others concerning the Depression, the presidential elections, 1932-1952, opposition to a third term for Roosevelt, United States foreign policy, and other matters; the papers also include newspaper clippings of reviews of Miss Hyde's books, as well as many of her letters to the editor, brochures used in advertising her books, scattered personal letters, bound copies of her plays, The Captain of the Host and The Supreme Test and the novel, The Twisted Skein, a typescript copy (186 pp.) of an unpublished book, The Pattern in the Loom, and miscellaneous printed items. The remainder of the collection consists of scattered correspondence of Miss Hyde's brother, Walter Woodburn Hyde (Cornell, 1893), a typescript copy of the account [newspaper?] of an exhibit of his publications at the University of Pennsylvania, a typescript copy of the citation accompanying the honorary Doctor of Letters degree Hyde was awarded at the U. of P., June 1948, and scattered letters of their father, Orange Percy Hyde (1863, 1875, 1922) with two pp. MSS. notes made by Miss Hyde on her father's life and career.

Card entries:

- Burr, George Lincoln
- Cable, George Washington
- Copeland, A. Stanley
- Dofflemeyer, Lewis Edwin
- Fine, John S.
- Hyde, Florence Elise
- Hyde, Orange Percy
- Hyde, Walter Woodburn
- Johnson, Frederic Treman
- Landon, Alfred M.
- Northrup, Clark Sutherland
- Roosevelt, Franklin Delano
- Sabin, Pauline Morton (Mrs. Charles H.)
- Seeley, Grace Alvana
- Shaw, Stanley
- Shouse, Jouett (American Liberty League)
- Taber, John
- Taft, Robert Alphonso
- Thilly, Jessie M.
- Wadsworth, James W., Jr.
- White, Andrew D.
- White, William Allen
- Woodburn, Moses
- Depression of 1930's
- Election of 1936
- Election of 1940
- Election of 1952 (Republican Convention)
- Prohibition (bootlegging)
- Prohibition reform (1926-1932)
- Volstead Act
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Additional cards:

Cleveland, Frances Folsom
Criscuolo, Luigi
de Grassi, George
Hyde, Orange Percy (Pearce)
Fremont, Frances Folsom Cleveland
Taft, Robert Alphonso
Rubicon, The Freemasons
Prohibition reform

Cards for additional papers rec'd during Feb. and March 1956; interfiled with original papers.

Cards for additional material rec'd May 1958:

Sze, Alfred Sao-ke
White, Andrew D.
Hyde Family (genealogy)
Hague Peace Conference
Interclass Reunion Club (Cornell University)
Russia (court life, 1900)

Sze items* in separate folder in Box II; genealogical materials (5 pp. typescript carbon copy of "The Hyde Family of England and America," written by Walter Woodburn Hyde; Ms. notes made by Florence Hyde concerning her father and other members of the immediate family, 2 pcs.) placed with other undated manuscripts.

* See attached calendar of Sze letters and Christmas cards.

Also, FEH's essay on her friendship with Sze (11 pp. Ms.), which is to be kept in this acc. folder, not with papers, for time being.
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Unedited description for 1954-1958 REPORT.
Calendar of additional Hyde Family Papers, rec'd January 1960:

Letter to O[range] P[ercy] Hyde from Capt. D. Tarbell, Headquarters 3rd Corps Artillery, Brandy Station, Virginia, December 5, 1863, tedious campaign, no opportunity to write, mutual friends. (OPH apparently in same unit and currently home on leave.) 1 pc. Mss.

Printed invitation addressed to OPH, asking him to be present on the occasion of completing the connection and driving the last spike on the Geneva & Ithaca R.R. at Romulus to be held on Saturday, September 13th. Ithaca, September 10, 1873. 1 printed item.

Invitation to "Mr. O.P. Hyde and Ladies" to attend L. Leo's Grand Reception Hall and Entertainment, at Wilgus Hall, on Thursday, January 15, 1874 [Ithaca]. 1 printed item.

Admittance card, to Class of '74 Class Day Exercises, Library Hall, July 1, 1874. 1 printed item.

Invitation to the Senior Hop to be given by Cornell graduating class at Wilgus Hall, June 17, 1875. 1 printed item.

Accompanied by small pink slip giving price of tickets and where they may be obtained. Printed.

Letter to Orange P. Hyde from William J. Davis, Commander, St. Augustine Commandery, No. 38 K[night]s T[emplar], Ithaca, New York, March 8, 1920, spring is coming, there is much to be thankful for, OPH an inspiration and example to his friends, hopes OPH will be able to participate in Easter service at First Congregational Church. 1 pc. typescript.

Envelope attached; has mss. note of OPH, "Save this letter for its lovely sentiments expressed by the writer." 1 pc.

Calling cards in envelope addressed to Mr. and Mrs. OPH, "Miss Cynthia W. Morgan" and "Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. St. John, At Home, after November first, Ithaca, N.Y." n.d. 2 items + envelope.

Card of Mr. & Mrs. D. Tarbell addressed to Mr. OPH. 1 item and envelope. n.d.

Letter to Florence Elise Hyde from Ione Nicoll (Mrs. Courtlandt Nicoll), Secretary of Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform, NYC, October 28, 1929, re meeting of New York Advisory Council. 1 pc. typescript.

Form letter to FEH from IN, re same, May 10, 1930. 1 pc. typescript.

Form letter to FEH from Rosalind B. McCagg (Mrs. Edward K.), secretary of Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform, New York State Division, NYC, September 15, 1930, re same. 1 pc. typescript.

Form notice from Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform, giving lists of committees, chairmen, purpose of committees. 1 pc. typescript. [Oct. 21, 1930 postmark]

Letter to FEH from Pauline Morton Sabin, Chairman of Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform, thanking FEH for article on statesmanship and the 18th Amendment, NYC, November 24, 1930.
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Personal letter from Margaret Justin O'Hara, Jan. 3, 1940 [mis-dated 1939], Philadelphia, to FEH. 1 pc. Mss.


Letter from P. F. C. R. R. Flinn, same address as above, April 27, 1943, re irregularity of Army mail deliveries, his experiences in an Army hospital, and other matters. 2 pcs. Mss.

Letter to FEH from August Merz, East Orange, New Jersey, June 26, 1948, mention of recent reunion, [Presumably Class of 1893 at Cornell, of which AM was a member], passing mention of nomination of Governor Dewey, etc.

Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Sao-ke Alfred Sze, Washington, D. C., December 6, 1955. With envelope. 2 pcs.

Letter from Governor Orval E. Faubus, Little Rock, Arkansas, July 14, 1959, acknowledging FEH's letter of July 11th and commenting on school desegregation controversy. 1 pc. typescript.


Letter from Jacobs to FEH acknowledging receipt of a book by Miss Hyde, July 9, 1959.

Letter from Jacobs to FEH, looks forward to meeting her, enjoyed novel, July 22, 1959.

Letter from Governor Faubus to Miss Hyde thanking her for a copy of one of her books, August 12, 1959.

Christmas card from Governor and Mrs. Faubus, n. d., presumably 1959.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS:

Letter to Editor of Ithaca Journal [presumably 1952] from Florence Elise Hyde, regarding candidates (Eisenhower and Taft) for presidential nomination on the Republican ticket prior to the convention.


Political announcement concerning Stanley C. Shaw for N.Y.S. Assemblyman, written for the committee by Florence Elise Hyde. 1936.
Hyde Family Papers — 1960 additional, cont.

February 1960:

"Facts concerning the Hyde Family" — 5 pp. Mss. notes compiled by donor on her father, Orange Percy Hyde (1834-1924); his wife, Eloise Davies Hyde (1839-1928), and their children. 1960.


March 1960:

2 pp. typescript carbon copy of O. P. Hyde's obituary appearing in the ITHACA JOURNAL-NEWS, August 7, 1924.

Additional card entries [card 8]:

Faubus, Orval Eugene
Hyde, Orange Percy (cards 3, 4)
Tarbell, Doctor J[...]
Treman, Leonard (d. 1888)
Class of 1874 (Cornell University)
Class of 1875 (Cornell University)
Geneva & Ithaca Rail Road
Civil War (Ithaca volunteers)
U.S. Army (life in, 1943)

May 1960:


Note in donor's handwriting concerning a literary prize awarded to her in 1933 by the National Americanization Committee of the V.F.W.

July 15, 1960:

Four textbooks, publ. 1829-1857. See separate sheet for list.

August 1960:

Letters to Walter Woodburn Hyde from his parents and sister, Miss F. E. H. 7 boxes (4 in + add. misc. letters and other items. To be descr. in 1956-1960 Report.

October 25, 1960:

Preston, Frances Folsom Cleveland

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<td>St. Petersburg, Russia</td>
<td>Cold weather in St. Petersburg; dull trip across the ocean: &quot;The absence of entertaining and charming young ladies is a striking feature. The French liner carried a ship load of old maids and grandma's.&quot; Upon arrival at Le Havre, received and accepted invitation to dine in Paris, where he stayed three days and had a &quot;glorious time&quot;. Met two Cornellians at depot before leaving for Holland. Arrived at Hague for closing days of Hague Peace Conference and was assigned post of secretary to Chinese Commission. Describes closing session of Conference as a &quot;solemn and imposing sight.&quot; Met President Andrew D. White of Cornell at Conference; White gave him letters of introduction to friends there. En route to Russia he stayed over night in Cologne, travelled up the Rhine to Mayence, and spent a week in Berlin. Plans trip to Austria in two weeks.</td>
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<td>2) 1900, March 13</td>
<td>St. Petersburg, Russia</td>
<td>Says his duties at the Legation &quot;lately seemed to have reached a climax in the way of demanding thought and time&quot; so that a &quot;curtain of silence&quot; has fallen between him and his friends but that &quot;I shall never forget the many happy hours we spent together during my sojourn in St. Petersburg&quot;; &quot;...but I am sure that no foreign land will be so dear to me as that of America.&quot; Mentions being presented by his Minister to the Czar and Czarina on Russian New Year's Day. Since then he had attended two court balls and one religious ceremony, the former being &quot;the most magnificent&quot; that he had ever seen: &quot;We arrived in the Palace on both occasions about 8:45 p.m. Their Majesties and the members of the Imperial family made their entry to the ball room at 9:00. From 12:00-1:00 we partook supper with the Emperor and the Empress. We left the Palace at about 2 a.m.&quot;</td>
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<td>3) 1900, June 22</td>
<td>St. Petersburg, Russia</td>
<td>Thanking Miss Hyde for her letter, photographs, and newspapers and informing her that he expects to see her in Ithaca in October.</td>
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| 4) 1900, Aug. 24 | Washington, D.C.       | Arrived in New York ten days before. Hopes to come to Ithaca in mid-September.
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<td>Ithaca (?)</td>
<td>Cancelling their engagement to attend a game the next day because of his severe headache and slight cold.</td>
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<td>6) 1901(?), Jan. 22</td>
<td>Ithaca</td>
<td>Asking if Miss Hyde will be home for him to call the next Sunday evening and saying that he has been &quot;very desirous of coming to see her since his return but that the near approach of the end of the term has caused him to neglect his social duties.&quot;</td>
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<td>7) 1902, June 30</td>
<td>Ithaca</td>
<td>Saying that he had called on her the week before but found the house closed for the summer. Wants to know if she is near Ithaca and if he may call on her before he leaves in another week or ten days.</td>
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<td>8) 1934, Dec. 17</td>
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<td>Christmas card - engraved, no message.</td>
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<td>9) 1943, June 16</td>
<td>Washington, D.C.</td>
<td>Had been in Ithaca two weeks before and meant to pay her a surprise visit, but became drenched in a thunder shower so hastened back to Odessa without seeing her. Hopes to make another visit to Ithaca soon.</td>
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<td>11) 1954, Dec. 23</td>
<td>Washington, D.C.</td>
<td>Acknowledging receipt of her Christmas card and informing her that he had tried unsuccessfully to reach her by telephone in Ithaca the previous May. Hopes to come again the next May if his health permits. Explains that he had suffered a mild stroke two months previously and is now &quot;gradually progressing to normal but very slowly.&quot; Tells her that he has been elected for 1955 President of the Interclass Reunion Club: &quot;My duties will be as far as I now know to preside at two dinners, making everybody speak and claiming the credit of success if the speakers will talk, not entirely nonsense and not to forget, once on their feet, to give others a chance.&quot;</td>
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<td>12) 1955, April 15</td>
<td>Washington, D.C.</td>
<td>&quot;I am very sorry to inform you that my Doctor forbids my coming to Ithaca next month. This is very sad and disappointing to me because I have looked forward to it. I am much better but I feel that I must obey my medical advisor.&quot;</td>
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<td>13) 1956, Dec. 18 (To Walter and Florence)</td>
<td>Washington, D.C. (?)</td>
<td>Acknowledging note on their Christmas card and saying that he had had &quot;the will but not the physical strength&quot; to write the previous June when he had &quot;failed to turn up at the Reunion.&quot; Adds that he is &quot;very much better now and hope that if the present rate keeps up I shall be able to come to Ithaca next June and see again some of my old friends. This is a pious hope like many others I do not promise to fulfill.&quot; Says he is struggling hard to thank his friends for their Christmas note: &quot;in order to demonstrate my great appreciation.&quot;</td>
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<td>1957, Dec. 14</td>
<td>Washington, D.C</td>
<td>Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Sze containing note from Mr. Sze's secretary acknowledging Miss Hyde's Christmas greeting and conveying the news that Dr. Sze had been very ill since July and was in a nursing home in Washington. Note says that &quot;he doesn't seem to be in great pain, but is weak and sleeps most of the time.&quot; Mme. Sze spends most of her time with him, but sends their good wishes.</td>
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<td>Christmas card - no message</td>
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<td>Christmas card with message; notifying Miss Hyde of their new Calvert Street address, expressing hope of seeing her the next May in Ithaca when he comes for Interclass Reunion gathering, and concluding &quot;am glad to report that I am still keeping fairly well and able to move about. However, I begin to feel the weight of years.&quot;</td>
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